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Steel

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1. Czech steel production has now been concentrated in the Moravska Ostrava area, where new foundries have been built at Kuncice and Trinec. The administrative headquarters for the industry are at Cesky Tesin and at the Vitkovice Klement Gottwald Iron Works in Moravska Ostrava. Efficiency purges have been carried out within the industry and various persons have been sentenced for alleged negligence leading to explosions at Kuncice in 1950.
2. The industry is based entirely on the use of [] ore. Even the new foundries mentioned above cannot run on Soviet ore. Chinese iron ore, delivered under the latest Chinese-Czech trade agreement, is being tried now but its value is viewed with some scepticism. Czech cranes are exported to [] solely in order to obtain [] ore in return. 25X1

Crane Building

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3. In the future, all crane building in Czechoslovakia is to be done at Skoda Works at Unicov, which is also moving its crane designing department to Unicov. No more cranes will be built at Pilsen or at CKD-Slany.

Heavy Industry

4. It is believed that Soviet policy is to concentrate all war production within the borders of the USSR and concentrate Czechoslovak heavy industrial production on peaceful products for export to the USSR and the satellites. Such products are only exported occasionally to Western countries and in order to obtain scarce imports in exchange.

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Power Station Construction

5. This industry is divided into three sections. "Jezoviny"¹ are made at CKD-Slany and at the Vitkovice Klement Gottwald Iron Works, turbine gears are made at CKD-Blansko, and generators and electrical equipment are made at CKD-Stalingrad. The production serves Rumanian expansion almost exclusively. None of it is for Czech or Soviet use.

1. ☐ Comment: Possibly sluice gears.

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